

31, 2000 filing date with the drawing of Figure 6 as a part of the original disclosure. The issue of new matter is one appropriately addressed during prosecution of the application after the filing date of the application has been determined.

Accordingly, the petition under \$1.53 is **DISMISSED**.

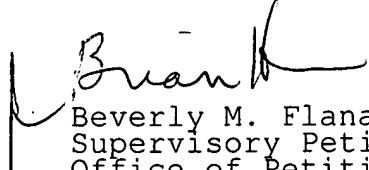
Consideration under \$1.182

However, the application is entitled to a filing date of October 31, 2000, the date the drawing containing Figure 6 was deposited in the Express Mail Post Office to Addressee service of the United States Postal Service pursuant to \$1.10. As required, accompanying this drawing was a supplemental declaration executed by the inventor and the petition fee. The supplemental declaration is amended to reference Fig. 6, and is in compliance with §§1.63 and 1.64.

Accordingly, the petition under \$1.182 is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing with a filing date of October 31, 2000, using the application papers received in the Office on August 31, 2000 and the drawing of Figure 6 filed on October 31, 2000. This processing will include forwarding applicants a new filing receipt. Applicant will receive appropriate notifications regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OIPE.

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